

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the title as follows:

~~VEHICLE DRIVE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE COMPRISING IT~~  
VEHICLE DRIVE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE INCORPORATING THE SAME

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, <sup>line 5</sup>~~line 8~~, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 8, before the measures against torque ripple is taken, that is, in the case where a cut is not provided at the tip portion of the salient pole of the rotor, the torque ripple ratio is 67% both in a regenerative running forward rotation mode and in a power running forward rotation mode. However, if the cut shown in Fig. 3 is provided on one side of the tip portion of the salient pole of the rotor, the torque ripple ratio is reduced to 23% in the case of the regenerative running forward rotation mode, that is, the ~~first~~ fourth quadrant in Fig. 6. In the case of the power running forward rotation mode, that is, the ~~fourth~~ first quadrant in Fig. 6, the torque ripple ratio is increased to 80%.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended Abstract.